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Sweetwater Valley Farms, Inc. Recalls Tennessee Aged Southern Sharp Cheddar Cheese (Yellow) and Southern Mild Cheddar Cheese (Yellow) Lot #604

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- November 28, 2007 -- Sweetwater Valley Farms, Inc. of Philadelphia, TN is recalling its Tennessee Aged Southern Mild Cheddar Cheese (yellow) and Tennessee Aged Southern Sharp Cheddar Cheese (yellow) because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

TENNESSEE AGED SOUTHERN SHARP CHEDDAR CHEESE (yellow) AND TENNESSEE AGED SOUTHERN MILD CHEDDAR CHEESE (yellow), Lot Number 604 was distributed in 7, 10, and 15 ounce bars retail stores in Tennessee and Georgia. These products were also distributed to 48 contiguous states in gift baskets marketed by the firm's website.

These products were distributed between October 18, 2007 and November 26, 2007.

No illnesses have been reported.

The recall was the result of a routine sampling program by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture which revealed that the finished product contained the bacteria. The company has ceased the distribution of this lot as the company continues their investigation as to what caused the problem.

Consumers who have purchased lot number 604 of these products are urged discard it or ship it back to the company for a full refund. Contact the company's consumer affairs department at 1-877-862-4332 for further information.

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